trol of Medium and Heavy Vehicles During Braking (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 92-29; Notice 11] (RIN: 2127-AG06) received September 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5271. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Advanced Notice of Arrivals, Departures, and Certain Dangerous Cargoes (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 94–089] (RIN: 2115–AF19) received September 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5272. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 96-45] received September 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## ¶112.4 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Ms. GREENE, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, September 20, 1996:

H.R. 2464. An Act to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2512. An Act to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2932. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Ala-

H.R. 3120. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering;

H.R. 3287. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the City of Crawford, Nebraska.

## ¶112.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Ms. GREENE, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, September 20, 1996. Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, September 20 at 12:10 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President wherein he transmits a semiannual report on telecommunications services with respect to Cuba.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.

#### ¶112.6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO CUBA

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

This report is submitted pursuant to 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6) (the "CDA"),

as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public 104–114; 110 Stat. 793 (the "LIBERTAD Act"), which requires that I report to the Congress on a semiannual basis detailing payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of the provision of telecommunications services authorized by this subsection.

The CDA, which provides that telecommunications services are permitted between the United States and Cuba, specifically authorizes me to provide for payments to Cuba by license. The CDA states that licenses may provide for full or partial settlement of telecommunications services with Cuba, but does not require any withdrawal from a blocked account. Following enactment of the CDA on October 23, 1992, a number of U.S. telecommunications companies successfully negotiated agreements to provide telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba consistent with policy guidelines developed by the Department of State and the Federal Communications Commission.

Subsequent to enactment of the CDA, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) amended the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "CACR"), to provide for specific licensing on a case-by-case basis for certain transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba, 31 C.F.R. 515.542(c), including settlement of charges under traffic agreements.

The OFAC has issued eight licenses authorizing transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba since the enactment of the CDA. None of these licenses permits payments to the Government of Cuba from a blocked account. In the period October 23, 1992, to June 30, 1996, OFAC-licensed U.S. carriers reported payments to the Government of Cuba in settlement of charges under telecommunications traffic agreements as follows:

AT&T Corporation (formerly, American Telephone and Telegraph Company ......AT&T de Puerto Rico ...... \$39,647,734,42 524,646.58 Global One (formerly. Sprint Incorporated) ..... 4,870,053.05 IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. (formerly, IDB Communications, Inc.) ...... 3,038,857.00 MCI International, Inc. (formerly, MCI Communications Corporation) ... 17.453.912.00 Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc. ...... 150,282.40 WilTel, Inc. (formerly, WilTel Underseas Cable, 7,792,142.00 Inc.) ..... WorldCom, Inc. (formerly, LDDS Communications, Inc) ..... 3,349,967.88

I shall continue to report semiannually on telecommunications payments

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to the Government of Cuba from United States persons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 20, 1996. The message was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104-

## ¶112.7 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On September 20, 1996:

H.R. 3396. An Act to define and protect the institution of marriage;

H.R. 2679. An Act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3060. An Act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the

Antarctic Treaty; H.R. 3553. An Act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; and

H.R. 3816. An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. And then,

#### ¶112.8 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. ROTH, pursuant to the special order agreed to on September 19, 1996, at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24. 1996.

## ¶112.9 REPORTS OF COMMITEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3497. A bill to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-816). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 3632. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid Program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition (Rept. No. 104-817). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State

of the Union.
Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 3633. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities (Rept. No. 104-818 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

# ¶112.10 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

## By Mr. BROWDER:

H.R. 4131. A bill to establish a commission to investigate exposure to chemical and bio-